

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below-named inventor, We, Mikhail Boroditsky, Nicholas J. Frigo and Aleksandra Smiljanic each hereby declare that:

My residence, post-office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: MAC PROTOCOL FOR OPTICAL PACKET-SWITCHED RING NETWORK, the specification of which is attached hereto and identified as Attorney Case No. ATT-029PUS and Client Case No. 2000-0575A.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (month, day, year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(e), of any United States provisional patent application(s) listed below:

Application Number	Date of Filing (month, day, year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119(e)
60/239,766	October 12, 2000	<u>X</u> Yes No _
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120, of the United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United State Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Number	Date of Filing (month, day, year)	Status (Patented/Pending/Abandoned)

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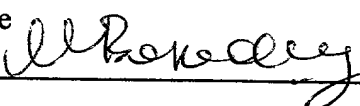

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